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This is in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002 setting a shortened statutory period for response expiring on May 9, 2002. Please make the following changes.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 24 to the following (as shown on the attachment hereto):

24. (Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
arranging for the head IC chip to be located with respect to the magnetic disc with a distance between opposing surfaces of the head IC chip and the magnetic disc smaller than 1000 μm .

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